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Democratic in politics.

OUR readers will pardon us if we let a brother editor give his opinion of a stingy man. We are glad there are none such in our town, but all other towns have them. Our brother editor says that if there is anything on earth that gives him a longing for eternal rest and deep, damp solitude it is a man who comes to a town or county, builds up a big paying business, grows rich and then squats down on the gold like a hen on a door knob and is too stingy even to let the gravel grind his own gizzard. A real, genuine 18-karat, stingy, selfish man can't be honest, and if he ever gets to heaven and has wings, he folds them up and walks for fear he will ruffle a plume or lose a tail feather. The kind of men who build up a town and county, enjoy life and make the best citizens, are the enterprising, energetic and liberal men, who believe in living and letting others live, and who do not, when they get a dollar, squeeze it till the goddess of Liberty feels like she was in a vise. Such squeezing is what causes hard times and stops the circulation of the American eagle. If it were not for our broadgauged enterprising men it would be impossible to build up a prosperous city.

A young lady in a town in a nearby county recently played a joke on her mother, and this is how it happened: She accidentally found a love letter that her father had written to her mother in their halcyon days of courtship. She read the letter to her mother substituting her own name and that of her lover. The mother raved with anger, and stamped her foot in disgust, forbidding her daughter to have anything to do with a man who could write such nonsensical stuff to a girl. She gave the letter to her mother to read and the home suddenly became so quiet that she could hear the snow flakes falling in the back yard.

THIS recent touch of weather recalls to old timers a bit of verse running more or less as follows: "The devil sends the naughty wind, that blows our skirts knee-high; But the good Lord sends the dust along, that fills up the bad man's eye. That was before cloth got so scarce and high.

Don't blame the newspaper man for what happens in the community. If there is anything in the life of the place that you do not wish to go abroad in the world, blame yourself that it exists—not the paper for saying something about it. It is the editor's duty to make a typographical photograph, and if you take a homely picture don't kick the instrument, but try to get a better expression on your face the next time.

PLANT seeds and grow bullets. Impossible, you say? Not at all. The great need of the allied forces on the front today is ample supplies of food. The need of the need of the allied nations is food. Without it the war would prove a failure, it matter not how many bullets we mold and send across. Food and food is the cry and with it we will make effective the bullets.

IN 1916 President Wilson carried Kansas City by 7,932 majority, and a few days ago the Democrats elected their ticket in that city by 7,341. These figures taken with the returns from Wisconsin and other places indicate that Republican claims of sweeping the country this Fall is but another case of whistling to keep up their courage. And of course the result in this State is a foregone conclusion. The people have long memories and have not forgotten the domination and rule of the Radicals when they were in power.

IN the Kentucky Law Journal for January appears an admirable article entitled, "A Criticism of Judge R. M. Wanamaker's Criticism of the Supreme Court of the United States," by Kemp P. Battle, Ex-president and Ex-Professor of Constitutional Law in the University of North Carolina. Though 85 years old, yet Dr. Battle writes with the clearness and force of his younger manhood. He has promised the Post-Dispatch a series of articles descriptive of the early life and history of our various neighboring towns, and our readers will no doubt anticipate such with interest.

If words would win the war there are people in this community, and in all others no doubt, who could do yeoman service. But words will not win. Talk is said to be "cheap," but in the present emergency we are constrained to believe it comes very high. What is needed now is not words, but deeds. Get down to business and brass tacks. DO SOMETHING. Hustle. Raise something to eat, or to clothe somebody, or do something to supply some other necessity. Work, work, and keep on working, and let the words stay in the dictionary. They're not needed.

"War is raging; guard your country;
Help the man behind the gun,
Savings Stamps will save your country;
Save and work 'till victory's won.
Stamps are signs of your allegiance;
Buy the Stamps and do your part;
Do your duty for your country;
Help her with a loyal heart."

Secretary of War Baker returned to this country Monday night and is now at his desk at Washington. The Secretary left American shores about six weeks ago, arriving at a French port on March 10th. While abroad he visited the American troops in France, and also went to Italy and England.

The desperate German drive on the western front had one effect that will not give any satisfaction to Germany. It has resulted in the United States speeding up preparation, and troops are to be rushed to France as fast as the combined transportation facilities of both the United States and Great Britain can put them across. As they arrive on the other side they will be absorbed in the armies of the Allies, and what they lack in training will be rubbed into them in short order. This will prove of benefit to the troops themselves as well as materially strengthening the allied front. With the help of Great Britain we should be able to make our power felt at the front very soon now. And surely there is need of the help our troops can give. America will watch with feverish interest the transporting of our troops, and hail the day when we shall have sent enough to turn the tide of battle into an allied victory.

More than 70,000 acres of land in this country has been planted with castorbean plants to produce oil for aircraft.

Our 14-inch guns weigh nearly 95 tons and are over 58 feet long costing \$118,000.

A mob at Collinsville, Illinois, last week lynched a man for disloyalty.

Y. W. A. Entertained.

Miss Mabel Dunn entertained the members of the Y. W. A. very delightfully on Tuesday evening. The guests were met at the door by the hostess and her sisters, Mrs. W. A. Dunn, of South Carolina, and Mrs. Mack Dunn, of New Jersey. Misses Annie Marks and Effie Baldwin sang several selections accompanied on the piano by Miss Nannie Young, after which Mrs. Julian Burroughs delighted those present with the rendition of the latest war music. Miss Lela Baldwin, who leaves for Charlotte Sunday, made her farewell appearance at the Y. W. A. functions. Each of the members wrote a note to Miss Baldwin and these were all sealed in an envelope to be read by her next Tuesday. The hostess served strawberries in cream with cakes and grape juice. Those present were: Misses Hazel Dickson, Fan Long, Lela Baldwin, Annie and Hattie Marks, Mary Cole, Nannie Young, Ruby and Allie McIntosh, Ethel Currie, Virginia Benton and Effie Baldwin, Mesdames Julian Burroughs, Bruce Benton, and Aerial Black.

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What Russia Has Lost.

UNDER the terms of the peace treaty which the Germans beguiled the Russians into signing several weeks ago, Russia has lost 780,000 square kilometres of territory with 56,000,000 inhabitants, or 32 per cent of the entire population of the country. Under fair promises of peace with no annexations, Germany has robbed Russia of vast stores, and has again demonstrated the perfidy and unreliableness of the Huns.

What Germany has done to Belgium and now Russia, she will do to every people she conquers; the devastation that has been wrought upon Belgium and occupied Russia will be wrought upon America if perchance she finally defeats the French and British armies. This is a time for girding up of spirits and quiet resolve. We at home must see to it that the nests of serpents is cleaned. The weaklings and pacifists at home must be eliminated. We at home must be on guard to support our boys at the front.

But back to Russia's losses:

One-third of her total mileage of railways, amounting to 21,530 kilometres (13,350 miles.)

Seventy-three per cent of the total iron production.

Eighty-nine per cent of the total coal production.

Two hundred and sixty-eight sugar refineries, 918 textile factories, 574 breweries, 133 tobacco factories, 1,685 distilleries, 244 chemical factories, 615 paper mills, 1,073 machine factories.

The territories which now become German formerly brought in annual revenue amounting to 245,238 rubles and had 1,800 savings banks.

Senator William J. Stone, of Missouri, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, died at Washington Sunday after a stroke of paralysis suffered on Wednesday of last week.

Major Addison G. Brenizer, aged 79, died at Charlotte Monday night from a stroke of paralysis sustained on Sunday night of last week. He was a Confederate veteran, a banker and one of Charlotte's leading citizens. He was born at Harrisburg, Pa.

Parisians are now closely scanning all German prisoners for fear Hindenburg may attempt to reach Paris via that route.

In an editorial in the Kansas City Star Col. Roosevelt, thanking heaven that American soldiers are in the fight at last, says:

"Any man in the United States who at this time directly or indirectly expresses approval of or sympathy with Germany in this war, should be arrested and either shot, hung, or imprisoned for life, according to the gravity of his offense.

"Thank heaven that our sons and brothers are now to stand at Armageddon. Thank heaven that American soldiers are now in the fight in the great battle against the bestial foe to America and of mankind. Words count for little at this time—for nothing whatever except in so far as they are of help to the men of deeds who are at the front."

To all of which we say, Amen, Amen.

Announcement.

I hereby announce publicly that I shall not be a candidate for the nomination for the office of Register of Deeds in the primary to be held on June 1st, 1918. I make this announcement now without the knowledge of any opposition to my renomination. But I am not ambitious for political preferment.

At the expiration of my present term, I will have served my county for twelve years, during which time I have tried to make the county a courteous, honest and efficient officer. Whether I have succeeded or not, my record is for the people to judge.

I know of no adequate means by which I can express my gratitude for and appreciation of the loyal and unanimous support given me by the people during my tenure of office. Far above the emoluments received from the office, I prize the confidence gained and the friendships formed during my official life. These will be cherished by me as the richest contribution to my young manhood.

Whatever service I may be able to render my county, for its advancement and betterment, I shall be ever ready to do my humble part.

B. F. REYNOLDS.

Announcement.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Richmond County, subject to the action of the democratic primary to be held June 1st, 1918.

The laws of North Carolina says that the Sheriff of Richmond County SHALL receive a Salary and no man who is nominated and elected, he can not get anything except this salary.

I earnestly ask my friends to assist me to secure this nomination.

Respectfully,
R. L. McDonald

For Register of Deeds.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for Register of Deeds for Richmond county, subject to the Democratic primary to be held on June 1st, 1918.

Joseph Gibson.

For Register of Deeds.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of Register of Deeds for Richmond county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held June 1st, 1918.

This April 18th, 1918.
Robt. L. Johnson

School Record of Stamps.

The following is the amount of War Savings Stamps and Certificates subscribed by the various grades of the Rockingham (white) school to April 18th:

Grade 9.....	657.00
Grade 6.....	586.75
Grade 8.....	471.50
Grade 3.....	397.75
Grade 1.....	373.25
Grade 5B.....	333.25
Grade 2.....	322.00
Grade 7.....	284.75
Grade 10 & 11.....	279.25
Grade 4 (Moore).....	232.75
Grade 4 & 5 (Eaves).....	225.25
Grade 1B.....	134.50
Total.....	\$4298.00

For Register of Deeds.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for Register of Deeds for Richmond county, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held June 1st, 1918.

H. D. Hatch.

War Savings Societies.

The following schools have reported to Supt. L. J. Bell the amounts of their War Savings Societies. Every school should send in reports, no matter how small, by Tuesday of each week so they can be published:

Ledbetter, 2 societies, 29 members.
Rockingham colored graded school, 4 societies, 75 members, value of stamps \$24.50.
McLeod school, 33 members, 10 honorary members, \$58.16.
Cameron \$14.90; Pankey \$126.50
East Hamlet, colored, \$11.50
Campbell school, \$9.75.
Harrington school, one society, 12 members, \$18.00.
Pee Dee, 121 members, \$574.25.
Rohanen, \$77.07.
Zion, 34 members, stamps \$40.96
Ellerbe high school, 3 societies, stamps \$170.
Rockingham city schools (white) \$4298.00.
Prospect, 17 members, \$14.25
Cordova, 55 members, \$49.75
Littles Mills, 22 members, \$68.15
Osborne, \$217.00
Norman, \$422.75
Williams, \$68.00
Hoffman, \$75.00
Cognac, \$100.00
Roberdel high school, \$373.81
Crosland, \$19.50.
Covington, \$18.75.
Oakridge \$5.75—Exway \$10.00
Baldwin \$110.00
Malee, colored, \$10.50
Mt. Airy, colored, \$2.75
Miscellaneous, \$801.50
East Hamlet \$11.50
Rham N. & I. col. \$3.00
Derby Memorial \$114.60
Dockery Church, col. \$10.75
Total reported to Mar. 6 \$3211.37
Total reported to Mar. 13 \$3963.00
Total reported to Mar. 20 \$4330.00
Total reported to Mar. 27 \$5302.81
Total reported to Apr. 4 \$6805.92
Total reported to Apr. 11 \$6988.32
Total reported to Apr. 18 \$7919.30

Skilled Men Wanted.

There is an immediate demand for skilled men in various units of the Army, needed by General Pershing in France. About 12000 is needed, and there are to be secured throughout the country by voluntary enlistments.

Anyone wishing to enlist for service in any of the following branches will please see any member of the local exemption board at once, as the board must wire headquarters on April 29th the exact number volunteering. The kind of workers needed are:

Auto helpers and mechanics, brakemen, flagmen, conductors, chauffeurs, white auto helpers and mechanics, white brakemen, white flagmen and white conductors, white and C. chauffeurs, white and colored carpenters, white or colored cooks, white engineers and firemen, white electricians, white hostlers, white linemen, white machinist, white painters, white photographers, white section hands, white harnessmakers, white stenographers, white surveyors, white tailors, white teamsters, white telegraph and telephone operators, white telephone who can speak German, white wagonmakers, white welders, white switchmen, white or colored bricklayers, white or colored buglers.

For other information see the members of the exemption board.

Marriage Licenses.

During the past week the following secured license to marry:

Horace Greenley Shoe and Ethel (Belle) Ormsby, white, 12th.
Albert Steele and — McLean, col., 12th.
John Thomas Johnson and Mary Gillis, white, 13th.
Marshal LeGrand and Laura Steele, col., 13th.
Luther Stone and Bertha Bowden, white, 13th.
Alexander Benton and Bessie Ledbetter, col., 13th.
Willie Parks Shuman and Lucy Bernice O'Brien, white, 18th.